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SUBJECT: IAEA TRAINING IN NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT IAEA AWARDED TWO FELLOW-
SHIPS IN 1976 FOR TRAINING IN NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING,
ONE TO LUIS ALBERTO GRINBERG FROM ARGENTINA AND THE
OTHER TO MARCO ANTONIO GUTIERREZ SUAREZ FROM
MEXICO.

2. FELLOWSHIP FOR GRINBERG HAS BEEN HELD UP,
HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF CONSIDERATION BY BOARD OF
GOVERNORS OF CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IAEA SAFE-
GUARDS WOULD BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN
TYPES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER IAEA
AUSPICES. FURTHER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH ITALY AND
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FRG MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT
ACCEPT GRINBERG FOR THIS TYPE OF TRAINING, ALTHOUGH
IT IS NOT RPT NOT KNOWN WHETHER THIS POSITION WOULD
CHANGE IF, E.G., ARGENTINA ELECTED TO PLACE ITS
ENTIRE CIVIL NUCLEAR PROGRAM UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS.

3. THIS PROBLEM DID NOT RPT NOT ARISE IN THE CASE

OF GUTIERREZ AS FAR AS IAEA SECRETARIAT IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, SINCE MEXICO IS AN NPT PARTY AND HAS ALL OF ITS CIVIL NUCLEAR FACILITIES UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS. WE UNDERSTAND HE WAS ACCEPTED FOR TRAINING IN FRANCE, WHERE HE SPENT SOME 11 MONTHS LAST YEAR AT THE NUCLEAR CENTER AT FONTENAUX-AUX-ROSES. TRAINING REPORTEDLY WAS PRIMARILY IN THE AREAS OF SOLVENT EXTRACTION TECHNIQUES AND URANIUM CHEMISTRY.

4. MISSION IS OBTAINING ADDITIONAL DETAILS RE OTHER FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED OVER THE YEARS IN THIS AREA, MOST IF NOT RPT NOT ALL OF WHICH WILL PROBABLY BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE EVENTUALLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE GAO STUDY ON TRAINING CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.

5. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT ONE OF MOST CONTENTIOUS ASPECTS OF BOARD OF GOV'S CONSIDERATION OF QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS IN CONNECTION WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN QUESTION OF ANY SUCH REQUIREMENT IN CONNECTION WITH FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER TRAINING, EVEN IN SENSITIVE AREAS. AGREEMENT HAS YET TO BE REACHED ON THAT ASPECT AND PROSPECTS FOR DOING SO ARE NOT RPT NOT PARTICULARLY GOOD, IN VIEW OF STRONG NEGATIVE VIEWS RECENTLY EXPRESSED BY CHILE AND ARGENTINA. ACCORDINGLY, WASHINGTON AGENCIES
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CONCERNED MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN, IF ANY, TO ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH TRAINING, E.G., IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS GROUP OR THROUGH BILATERAL PERSUASION. LABOWITZ

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